

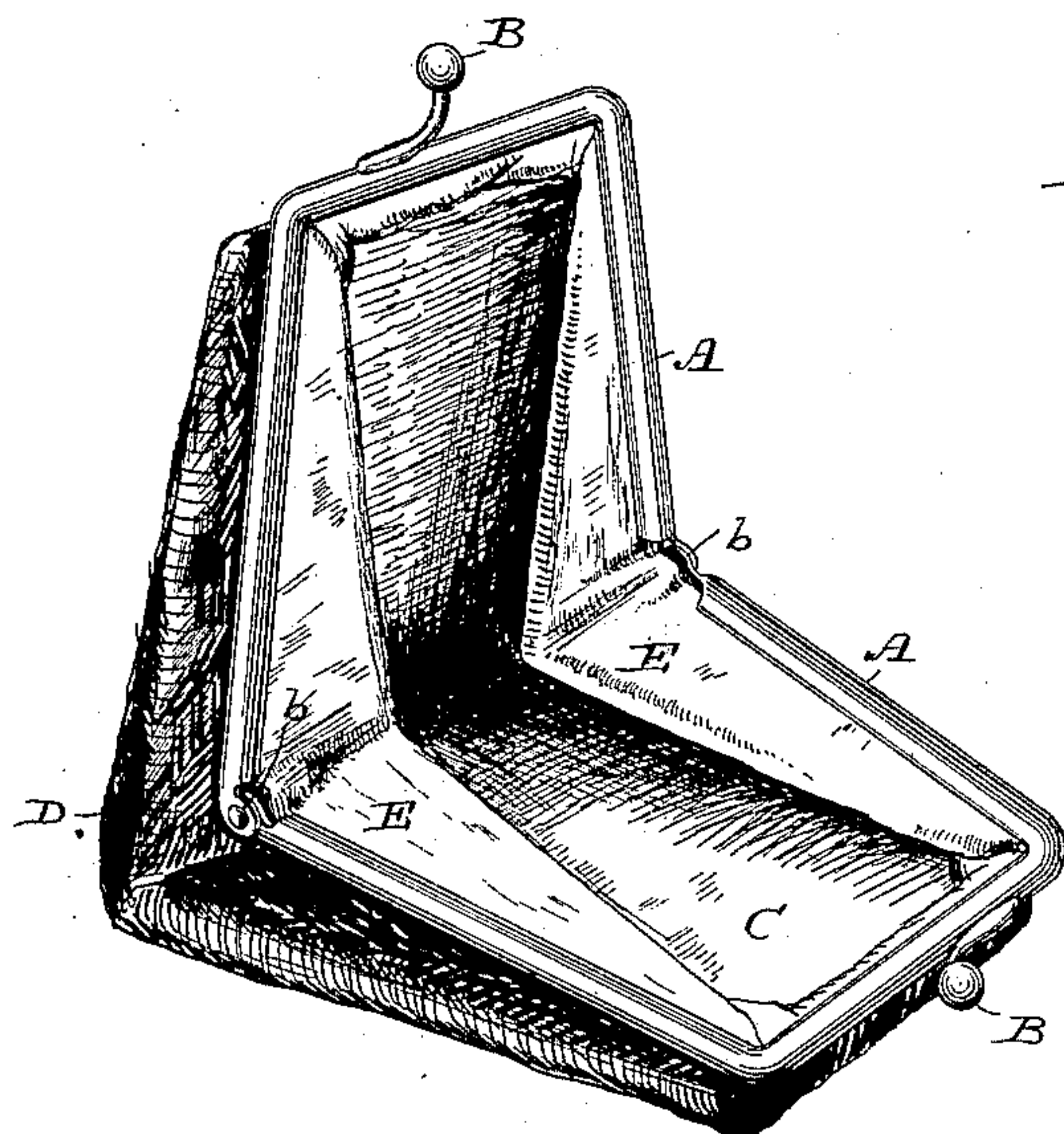
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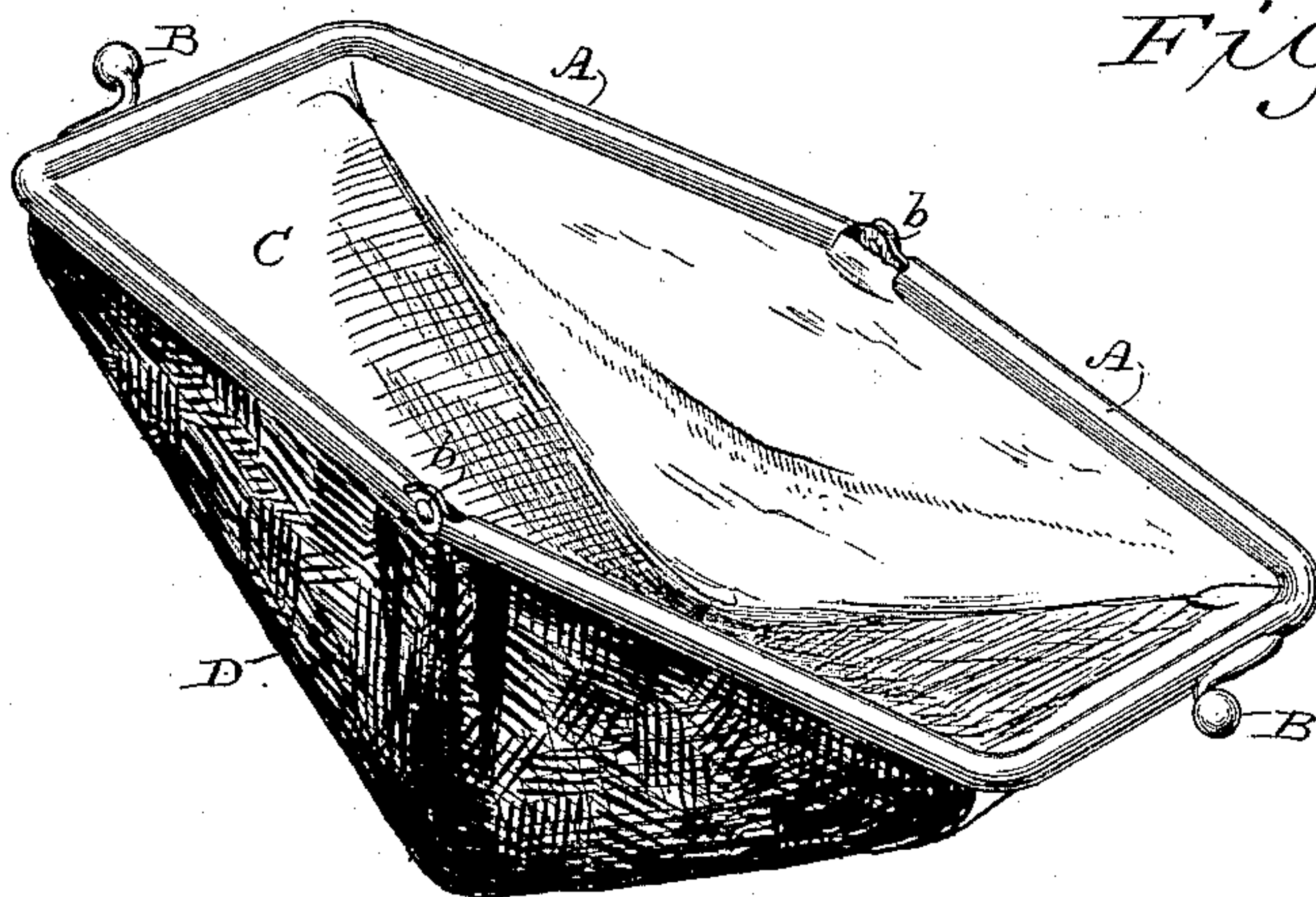
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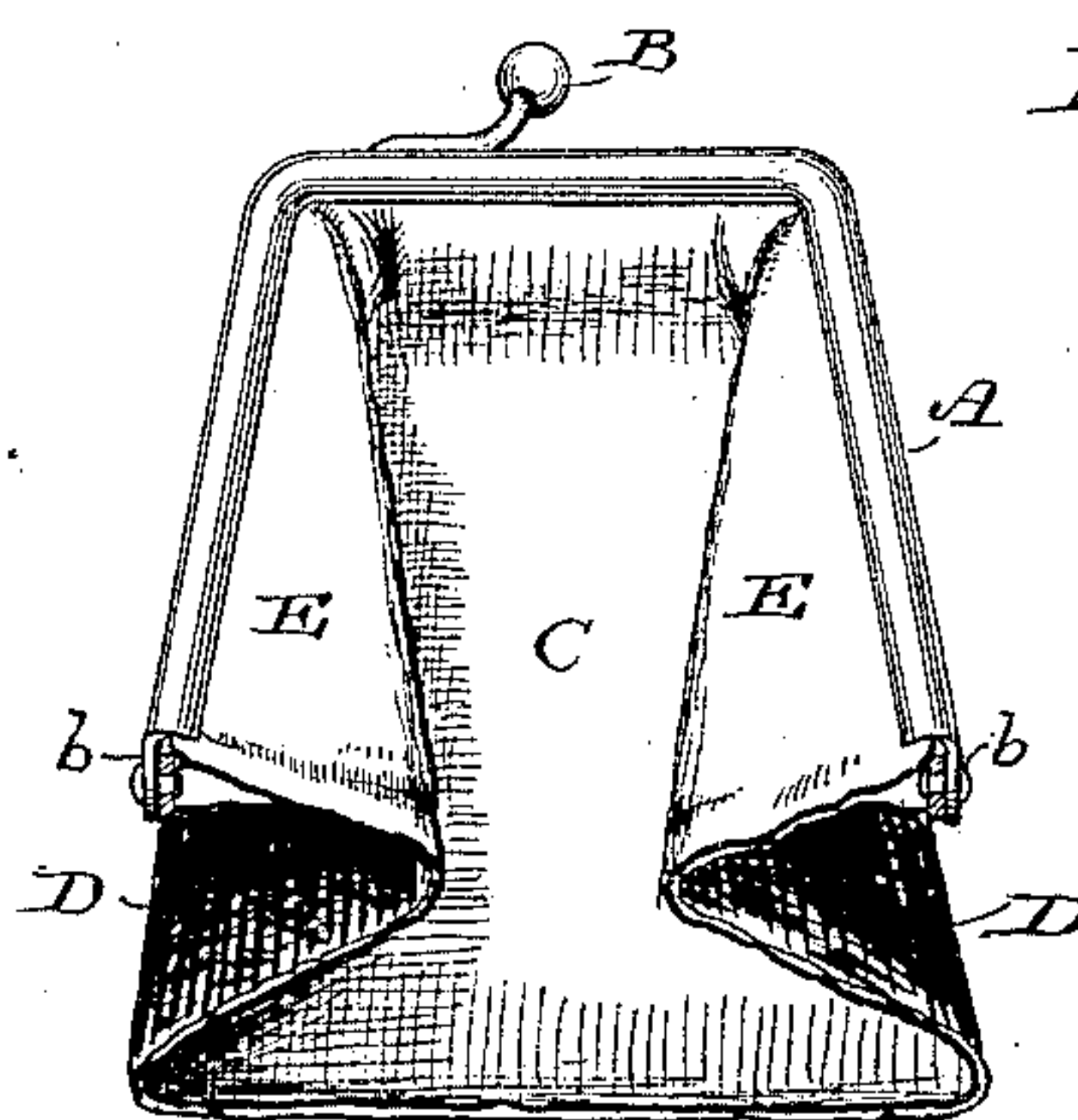
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*

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## POCKET-BOOK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE ENGER, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to pocket-books; and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts to be hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings, and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a pocket-book constructed according to my invention and partly opened; Fig. 2, a similar view of the same entirely opened, and Fig. 3 a transverse section taken through the center of the device.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A A represent the two frame-sections of my pocket-book, these frame-sections being hinged together at *bb* in the usual manner and provided with the ordinary locking-knobs, B B; but instead of said knobs any suitable fastening device may be employed. Each of the frame-sections is preferably tapered, or, in other words, so constructed that the distance between its sides gradually decreases in a direction outward from the hinge-joints *b b*.

The body portion of my pocket-book is composed of a back piece, C, and side pieces, D D, the latter being triangular in shape and having their longest edges clamped to the frame-sections. In the finer grades of pocket-books the body portion is usually provided with a lining; but this lining may be omitted.

When the pocket-book is entirely or partially closed, the downward movement of the hinge-joints *b b* causes the slack in the side

pieces, D D, to lie over in wide folds E E, the folds thus formed serving to retain the contents of said pocket-book in place. At any time the pocket-book is only partially open the folds E E remain, and there is no liability of the contents dropping out, no matter in which way said pocket-book may be held.

From the peculiar shape of my pocket-book, all its contents are displayed when said pocket-book is only partially opened, and thus it will be seen that the folds E E are normally in position to serve the purpose described.

My pocket-book being entirely opened, as shown by Fig. 2, its greatest depth will be in the center and there will be a gradual slope from this center toward the outer ends of the frame-sections, thereby facilitating the removal of the contents.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A pocket-book comprising the hinge-joined frame-sections A A, the back piece, C, and the triangular side pieces, D D, having their longest edges secured to the frame-sections, whereby a downward movement of the hinge-joints *b b* of said sections will cause the slack in said side pieces to lie over in wide folds, the folds thus formed serving to retain the contents of the pocket-book in place, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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